

## The Process

### PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

**1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source**

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	BLOOMINGTON	Housing and Neighborhood Development Department
HOME Administrator	BLOOMINGTON	Housing and Neighborhood Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

### Narrative

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## **PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

The City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department consulted with a wide variety of agencies, boards, commissions and individuals. A complete list of those consulted is attached as Exhibit \*.

**Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I)).**

The City of Bloomington provides opportunity to coordinate between agencies through the following processes and committees:

- Community Development Block Grant allocation process
- Jack Hopkins Council Social Services grants allocation process
- The Housing Network (Region 10 CoC committee)

In addition, in 2014, the Bloomington Police and Housing and Neighborhood Development Departments launched the BPD Outreach Program. The focus of this program is to find a better alternative to arrest when dealing with the consequences of either being homeless or at risk for homelessness. The BPD Outreach Program has an advisory committee that includes Centerstone (mental health services), IU Health Bloomington Hospital, Volunteers in Medicine, Shalom Community Center, the faith community, and other agencies such as Monroe County Public Library, Monroe County Probation Office, etc. The advisory committee helps coordinate services for homeless individuals and families encountered by the BPD Resource Officers and street social worker.

**Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness**

The network of housing and service providers in Bloomington is comprehensive and the city is known for its concern and activism in social issues. Several umbrella organizations have formed to assist in creating more efficient and effective allocation of resources, and to avoid duplication in programming. The South Central Housing Network is a consortium of housing providers including those involved in

permanent, transitional and emergency needs. The City of Bloomington Housing and Neighborhood Development Department is a member of the South Central Housing Network.

**Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS**

ESG funds are distributed through the State of Indiana to Region 10 which is represented by the South Central Housing Network. The Network has developed its plan to end homelessness called *Heading Home: A Regional Plan to Make Homelessness Rare, Brief and Nonrepeating* that outlines the goals of Region 10 in conjunction with the State of Indiana's goals to end homelessness. The State is currently working on an assessment tool to be used state-wide. The release date of this tool is unknown at this time.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	SHALOM COMMUNITY CENTER
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Bloomington Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Housing Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	STEPPING STONES
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Children
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	LifeDesigns, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	NEW HOPE FAMILY SHELTER
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	WorkOne
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Employment Other government - State
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Economic Development
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	AREA 10 AGENCY ON AGING
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	

9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Community Kitchen of Monroe County
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Bloomington Hospital/Positive Link
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	
11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Bloomington Economic Development Corporation
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Planning organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Economic Development
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	

20	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Middle Way House, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	

### Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The Housing and Neighborhood Development Department attempted to consult a wide range of agency types for the Consolidated Plan 2015-2019. There is no type of agency that was intentionally not consulted.

### Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	South Central Housing Network	Continuum of Care coordination
Coordinated Human Services -- Public Transp Plan	Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Transportation needs of the community, especially for those with special needs.
Community Health Needs Assessment (2011-2012)	IU Heath Bloomington Hospital	Community healthcare assessment
Service Community Assessment of Needs (2012)	United Way of Monroe County, Indiana	Community needs assessment
Growth Policies Plan (*)	City of Bloomington Planning Department	Development of housing, *

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

### Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))



**Narrative (optional):**

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## **PR-15 Citizen Participation**

### **1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

The Housing and Neighborhood Development Department did a variety of activities to ensure broad citizen participation in the Consolidated Plan Process. On October 1, 2014, HAND mailed out a survey to 700 random addresses throughout the community. Eighty-two were returned by the Post Office as undeliverable. Two-hundred Seventy-three surveys were completed which is a 44.1% return rate. A survey to 250 Section 8 assisted tenants and Bloomington Housing Authority residents was mailed on October 30, 2014. Thirty-eight were mailed back and 48 were deposited in a sealed box at the Bloomington Housing Authority office which is a return rate of 15%.

HAND conducted series of focus groups on five relevant topics: Community Development , Economic Development, Homelessness, Social Services and Affordable Housing. The focus groups were advertised through the Herald-Times and on the City's webpage . HAND conducted a series of key informant discussions with key community members. See Table 4 for a complete list of key informants.

In addition, HAND conducted face-to-face surveys with patrons of the Community Kitchen and the Shalom Community Center. Staff members also went out with Bloomington Police Department Resource Officers to interview unsheltered homeless individuals. Individuals were contacted at city parks, at the Monroe County Public Library and along the streets. Interviewees were asked questions about what services they use or have used and what, if any, services are needed but not available.

Comments and survey results are attached.

## Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Mailed Survey	Non-targeted/broad community	273 surveys returned	See attached	See attached	
2	Mailed Survey	Community Development	9 attended	See attached	See attached	
3	Mailed Survey	Affordable Housing	13 attended	See attached	See attached	
4	Mailed Survey	Homelessness	25 attended	See attached	See attached	
5	Mailed Survey	Economic Development	6 attended	See attached	See attached	
6	Mailed Survey	Redevelopment Commission	6 attended	See attached	See attached	
7	Mailed Survey	Bloomington Housing Authority	1	See attached	See attached	
8	Mailed Survey	Social Services	9 attended	See attached	See attached	
9	Mailed Survey	Section 8/BHA Residents	86 survey responses	See attached	See attached	
10	Mailed Survey	Stepping Stones	1	See attached	See attached	
11	Mailed Survey	Middle Way House	1	See attached	See attached	
12	Mailed Survey	Life Designs	2	See Attached	See attached	
13	Mailed Survey	New Hope Family Shelter	1	See attached	See attached	
14	Mailed Survey	Mayor/Deputy Mayor	2	See attached	See attached	

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15	Mailed Survey	City Council	7	See attached	See attached	
16	Mailed Survey	Shalom	1	See attached	See attached	
17	Mailed Survey	WorkOne	1	See attached	See attached	
18	Mailed Survey	Area 10 Agency on Aging	1	See attached	See attached	
19	Mailed Survey	Community Kitchen	1	See attached	See attached	
20	Mailed Survey	Positive Link	1	See attached	See attached	
21	Mailed Survey	Community Kitchen Patrons	18	See attached	See attached	
22	Mailed Survey	Bloomington Economic Development Corporation	1	See attached	See attached	
23	Mailed Survey	Shalom Patrons	29	See attached	See attached	
24	Mailed Survey	South Central Housing Network (Region 10)	20	See attached	See attached	
25	Mailed Survey	Homeless Individuals	14	See attached	See attached	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**